GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4187
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JOINT NAVAL EXERCISE WITH SINGAPORE AND IRAN
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Naval force of India had organized joint exercises with the naval forces of Singapore and Iran in Arabian Sea in the month of March, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of the war ships and personnels participated in these joint exercises, country-wise;

(d) whether there is any proposal to conduct joint exercises of armed forces with other countries in near future; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) to (e): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4187 10.4.2003

The Indian Navy and Royal Singapore Navy participated in the fifth`IN-RSN` exercise held off Kochi from 2nd to 13th March, 2003. Besides, Indian Naval Ships and Iranian ships participated in the Passing Exercises (PASSEX) on 10th March, 2003 at Mumbai Such exercises are carried out between navies during goodwill visits and involve the visiting ships and ships of the host Navy. These are basic communication and procedural exercises to promote goodwill and understanding of each other`s communication drills and procedures.

The first Indo-Oman Joint Exercise is scheduled off the West Coast of India from 24th to 26th April 2003 and exercise with USA Navy is scheduled from 6th to 8th May, 2003 off Mumbai.